

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method comprising:
 - receiving an image from an image capture device, in which the image capture device generates an image of an area in which human activity is desired to be substantially nonexistent;
 - determining information related to the area;
 - receiving a request for a first user to monitor;
 - receiving a user identifier;
 - verifying that the user identifier corresponds to the first user;
 - providing the first user with the image;
 - receiving a response to the image by the first user, in which the response comprises an indication that a human is present in the image;
 - providing additional users with the image;
 - receiving responses to the image by the additional users;
 - evaluating the received responses;
 - determining, based on the information related to the area, an entity to notify; and
 - notifying the entity.
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, in which the ~~step of~~ step of determining of the information related to the area[[:]] comprises:
 - receiving a unique identifier from the image capture device;
 - accessing a record in a database using the unique identifier; and
 - determining, from the record, contact information for the area.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, in which the providing of the image to the first user ~~with the image;~~ comprises:
 - transmitting the image to an internet protocol address which is based on the first user.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, in which the providing of the image to the first user ~~with the image~~; comprises:
posting the image on a Web site.
5. (Original) A method comprising:
receiving a request for a first user to monitor;
verifying the first user;
providing the first user with an image of an area in which human activity is desired to be substantially nonexistent;
receiving a response to the image by the first user; and
evaluating the received response.
6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5, in which the ~~step of verifying of~~ the first user comprises:
receiving an identifier; and
determining that the identifier identifies a prior registration.
7. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:
determining an attentiveness of the first user.
8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, in which the ~~step of determining of~~ the an-attentiveness of the first user comprises:
requesting that the first user respond to a false positive.
9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8, in which the requesting that the first user respond to a false positive comprises:
providing the first user with a false positive image; and
receiving a response to the false positive image by the first user;
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

determining whether the response to the false positive image indicates that a human is present in the image.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, in which the ~~step of~~ determining of ~~the~~ an-attentiveness of the first user comprises:

determining a reaction time of the first user.

12. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:

selecting the first user from a plurality of users.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12, in which the ~~step of~~ selecting of the first user from ~~the~~ the plurality of users comprises:

selecting the first user from the plurality of users based on the image.

14. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:

providing at least one additional user with the image.

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, in which the ~~step of~~ providing of ~~the~~ at least one additional user with the image is performed based on the response to the image.

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, in which the ~~step of~~ providing of ~~the~~ at least one additional user with the image comprises:

determining, based on the response to the image, a number;

selecting a plurality of additional users, in which the cardinality of the plurality is at least the number; and

providing the plurality of additional users with the image.

17. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:

determining a response time in receiving the response to the image.

18. (Original) The method of claim 5, in which the response is one of:
an indication that a human is present in the image,
an indication that no human is present in the image, and
an indication of uncertainty whether a human is present in the image.
19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5, in which the ~~step of~~ evaluating of
the received response comprises:
determining, based on the received response, whether to notify an entity.
20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5, in which the ~~step of~~ evaluating of
the received response comprises:
initiating a telephone call to a predetermined telephone number.
21. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:
adjusting a rating of the first user based on the received response.
22. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:
compensating the first user.
23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 22, in which the ~~step of~~ compensating
of the first user comprises:
compensating the first user based on the received response.
24. (Previously presented) A method comprising:
a step for observing a plurality of images of an area in which human activity is
desired to be substantially nonexistent;
a step for ascertaining whether the plurality of images reliably indicates the
presence of a human in the area; and
a step for alerting an entity based on the step for ascertaining.
25. (Previously presented) A method comprising:

a step for assessing an area in which human activity is desired to be substantially nonexistent; and

a step for alerting an entity based on the step for assessing.

26. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for receiving images of an area in which human activity is desired to be substantially nonexistent;

means for distributing the images for at least partial analysis;

means for calculating an analysis of the images; and

means for warning an entity based on the analysis[[]].